

# REMEMBER FATHER'S DAY

## SUNDAY, JUNE 15



**Spot Checking**  
Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic  
By Bill Whitman



### Fathers And Flag Day

In the order named 'cause that's just about the happening this weekend, what with Flag Day coming up here on Saturday and then the following day it's Father's Day.

Now just a few weeks ago we honored Mother in a similar way so what's so different about our other parent? No reason why you shouldn't toss him in the car and haul him off to a sumptuous repast somewhere this weekend.

And here's a good opener — it's the Amigos Family Restaurants for some delicious South-of-the-border cuisine in an authentically Mexican atmosphere. Oh sure, there are some guys that don't care for Mexican food but by and large you'll find that most of them do.

Maybe not on a regular diet, either but then, everyone likes variety in their dining habits. And by the way, The Amigos ads read "so authentically Mexican, we suggest you do not drink the water."

And in this case, you might try one of The Amigos wine cocktails. A truly delightful

break in your every day life. Cooling, too.

Then over in the Marina del Rey Amigos, this Friday they're in hopes of getting their new Cantina opened. And as owner-host-operator Senor Mike Donley puts it, "We are definitely not superstitious." And if you'll consult your calendar just over your left shoulder there, you'll find that Friday is the 13th. So why not, for a grand opening!

At the last reading there were six Amigos Family Restaurants but then, that was last Friday. By this time there may be a whole bunch more. However the current ones are in Torrance, Marina del Rey, Costa Mesa, Anaheim, West Covina and Glendale, with plans on the board for many, many more in the near future.

Now by way of sliding from one to the other, let's take a short look at something else authentic. This time it's Spanish cuisine.

The foods-of-Spain available at the Matador are equally as authentic Spanish as the Amigos are authentic Mexican. So perhaps Pop would enjoy a quick change of pace for once. If so why not give this interesting spot on West Pico a whirl for Father's Day.

Incidentally, it's not only people from the entertainment world that have found their way to Bill Fremont's Matador Restaurant. It's also becoming

quite a hangout for some of your TV notables. Such as Tom Reddin and Maury Green, for two. Also Walter Cronkite was in as was Mike Roy, George Putnam, Tom Harmon, Ralph Story and Jerry Dunphy.

Now couldn't say for sure they were all in at one 'swell foop' but if they were... what could a group like that be cooking up! And no doubt the best cook among 'em is Mike Roy. You know, he's that little bittie guy!

On again — off again! Finnigan, innigan, outaggan! That's the way it goes over at Warren Ward's Raffles Restaurant in Downey.

When Ward first moved over to that side of town, business was such that he just couldn't handle all the requests for that Early Dinner bit that had become so popular.

Well now that the hustle and bustle that always accompanies an opening of a new location, has settled down, they've decided to re-establish this popular entree, Monday through Saturday. That is with the exception of holidays. And it must be partaken before 6 p.m. Then on Sundays it's be-

tween the hours of 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

And there's a choice; petite filet mignon steak at \$2.95. And the Early Dinner du Jour at \$2.25. Y'see, there are two entrees.

Included in this early dinner thing is the relish bowl, soup, salad, potato, beverage and dessert. Nicely rounded, don't you think? So remember, The Raffles is located at 7339 E. Florence Ave. in the city of Downey. Should you care to 'phone it's 927-4401.

You'll also find the goodies at the cocktail bar delightful if you can put up with "Smiley Lyon" who has a reputation for being the world's grumpiest bartender. (At least this is the mood he likes to create but don't you believe it. He's just plain "Sweetie!")

Big Sam Failla's going to put something on for all you Fathers this Sunday. Why not! He, too, is a father and he knows what "the old man" wants.

So Sam figures he'd like to have a fine dinner and what better spot than the San Franciscan Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge.

It'll be the full treatment with lots of goodies and Pop can get away for a buck ninety-five.

Service will start at two in the afternoon. Bring him on down for some lively food and fun at the San Franciscan.

Then down on Pacific Coast Highway at the Royal Giraffe Restaurant there'll be a special Father's Day buffet on Sunday from 11 in the ayem 'till 9 at nite.

The tariff will run \$3 for

adults and just half that for the kids under 12.

Among the hot entrees will be the popular beef stroganoff as well as their famous fried chicken.

Might be a good idea to plant a reservation on this. Call 37 plus GIRAF and let them take it from there. The Royal Giraffe is located at 4111 Pacific Coast Hwy., just 2 blocks West of Hawthorne Boulevard.

Whoops-hey! Had a call from Doris and George Kerrick one day here recently and they talked about the goings on down at their La Fonda Restaurant in Wilmington.

Of course you already know that they now have that delicious pizza every nite. And that's either to go or you can partake right there in the restaurant.

So now they're featuring both Mexican and Italian foods, too. This is also on the "eat it here or take it home" basis. Just which ever way you want to jump.

Remember, La Fonda's located at 803 Figueroa, just around the corner from the Harbor Freeway. Real easy to reach. Might be a good spot

to bring Dad for Father's Day. If you have this in mind, don't forget the hours here are from 4 p.m. 'til midnight and on Sunday it's 2 in the afternoon 'til 9 at nite. Beer and wine are also available.

Had a short communique from Marjorie Walker couple weeks ago in which she mentioned that the Marina del Rey Hotel now has a new resident manager. He's Harvey Swindall.

Swindall is no new-comer to the Marina, having been assistant manager prior to his present appointment. Neither is he new to the hotel business in general.

He was formerly with the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu. And my, my, how this gent does get around. He was also with U.S. Overseas Airlines, so you've got to know he's used to people.

A former resident of Hawthorne, Mr. Swindall's new duties force him to just move right into the hotel, bag and baggage so he'll be ever on the spot to 'tend to your slightest whims.

By the way, the Golden Gallean restaurant there will reopen soon.



VIVIEN LEIGH in her memorable role as Scarlet O'Hara with Clark Gable as Rhett Butler in David O. Selznick's production of Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With the Wind," now presented by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in new Wide-Screen and Metro-color splendor.



ARTIST... And when it comes to true artistry you can't get it much better than that which Quinan "Q" Williams puts out these nites at the Fortune Steak House in Gardena. In fact, he's an artist's artist. Piano, organ, vocals, the whole shot and all done equally well. The Fortune is at 1435 Redondo Beach Blvd., just a quickie drive off of Western.

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